

Sun City West Softball Club General Membership Meeting
Wednesday November 5, 2014

1. President Dobbins called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A total of 67 members registered attendance.
2. Election of board members for the 2015 -16 term was the first order of business. Candidates Kevin Bruns, Joe Gallo, Marcel Mantha, Jim Wille, Bob Lee, Tim Harmon, and Bob Lubben each introduced themselves and said a few words regarding their qualifications. Ballots were then distributed and collected by the nominating committee. Joe Gallo, Jim Wille, and Tim Harmon were elected to two year terms beginning January 1, 2015.
3. The treasurer's report was given by Lyle Bakken. No questions or concerns were raised.
4. Committee Reports
 - A. Ron Eppley was introduced to give a report regarding promotional and advertising report. He explained the current sponsor activity, the situation with billboards advertisers, and the Tin Cup/banner support. He also reported that three different sponsors have committed to preparing and serving popcorn. Bob Dobbins made a plea that additional volunteers step up to help Ron's committee with existing sponsor and advertising contacts. Any one interested can contact Ron Eppley, Bob Dobbins, Pat Regan or any board member.
 - B. Bob Dobbins explained to the members that Nancy Dobbins was again chairing the Tin Cup golf fund raiser but that this would be the last year and that a volunteer or volunteers were needed to step up and work with Nancy this year so they could chair the project next year. An established committee complete with volunteers is in place to support the chairman.
 - C. Turf Report - Bob explained the situation with worn spots in the artificial turf (batter boxes, base, and pitching area). We have a written proposal that includes repairing those areas, an extra set of turf for the home plate area, and 3000# of additional rubber pellets, and the labor to complete the work for \$10,562.00. Nancy Dobbins moved we approve an expenditure in that amount, Ken Skinner seconded the motion. Discussion was held on the motion that included home plate improvements similar to those employed at the Sun City Festival facility. The motion was called and passed with one dissenting vote.
 - D. Field Report - Field Manager Ken Skinner gave an update on Field conditions and improvements. A hitting tee and net have been installed behind the storage shed for members use with \$750.00 of financial support from Arizona Public Service. The hitting station is to run on the honor system with ball and tee storage by the net. The tee can be used on the field of play but only with the limited flight balls provided with

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the net. Ken thanked all the volunteers involved in field upgrades and ongoing projects.

- E. Events Chairman Nancy Dobbins updated the members on upcoming events. The annual Christmas party will be held December 12 with a cost of \$30 per person. The Sun City Softball Club members have also been invited to attend the Christmas party. Party participation is limited to the first 200 people that register. Any additional people will be put on a standby list. The one pitch tournament will be held December 29 and 30th with sign up coming soon. Planning will begin soon for the Tin Cup golf fund raiser to be held in the spring.
5. Bob Dobbins gave a presentation on the proposed Liberty Field remodel and thanked Roger Pribnow for all his time spent building a model that displays the proposed changes. The proposed changes will lead to better handicap access, permanent roofing on the bleachers and dugouts, additional dugout space, full time grill space, and improved traffic flow among other things. Bob explained that Larry Griffith from the Sun City West Recreations centers office had given an estimate of \$23,690.00 for grading and drainage drawings, permits, and architectural drawings suitable for bid proposals for the project. The drawings may include drawings for the batting cage proposed at an earlier date but that decision has not yet been made. There is currently no estimate on the total cost of the project but Treasurer Lyle Bakken explained to the club how the project could be funded with current resources and projected future income. Bob Dobbins committed to see the project through to completion even though his board term will be up the end of 2014. Mike Hester made a motion to approve up to \$30,000 for the drawings and permit process - TR Mickelsen seconded the motion and discussion was held. After discussion the motion was amended to an amount not to exceed \$35,000 with Mike Hester's approval and a second by Ken Skinner. The motion carried with one dissenting vote.
6. Bob Dobbins thanked outgoing board members Ron Eppley and John McFarland. Gordan Kinkead thanked Bob Dobbins for his service and his commitment to see the Field Remodel project through to completion.
7. Art Nelson explained an opportunity for Sun City West Softball Club members to participate in the opening of senior softball complex in Maui, HI next year. Art wanted to gauge club interest. Art will proceed to get more information.
8. Ken Boyd moved the meeting be adjourned and Dennis Farrer seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Regan (Acting Secretary)

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